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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, SO, US

SUBJECT: REESTABLISHING DAO IN MOGADISCIO

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 1866; B) MOGADISCIO 1900; C) DIA WASH DC
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1. DOD EXPECTS SOON TO SUBMIT NAME OF CANDIDATE FOR
TEMPORARY DATT, WHO COULD ARRIVE MOGADISCIO AS EARLY AS
WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 16-17 IF POST AND GSDR CONCUR. HE WILL
REOPEN DAO AND SERVE UNTIL PERMANENT DATT CAN ARRIVE,
PROBABLY IN EARLY 1979.

2. REQUEST YOU CONSULT WITH GSDR CONCERNING METHOD AND
TIMING OF ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT DAO REOPENING.
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MAKE JOINT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, IF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT IS
DESIRED BY GDRS. END FYI).

3. WE PREFER LOW KEY ANNOUNCEMENT TO MINIMIZE NEGATIVE
IMPACT IN ADDIS ABABA AND NAIROBI, THOUGH WE WOULD ACCEPT
STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT REOPENING OF DAO IS RESULT
OF STRENGTHENING US-SOMALI RELATIONS.

4. SHOULD GSDR PREFER NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO DATT'S ARRIVAL IN MOGADISCIO, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR A STATEMENT TO PRESS ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS. VANCE

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